

Promises Not Panic Day 34 4/30/2020

Great news- Fox and Friends this Sunday morning, BOW, time to be determined.

Jesus Christ was the grand promise of the Old Testament, during the whole continuance of the old covenant; so is the Holy Spirit the great promise during the whole continuance of the New Testament.

The promise of the Holy Spirit was mentioned by Jesus Himself in **Act 1:4-5** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Important- the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit was so great, so important, so essential in the life of the disciples- they were commanded to wait for Him BEFORE they tried to go out and make a difference in the world by preaching the gospel!

Q. How important must the Holy Spirit be in our lives?

A. **Act 8:14-17** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Fact- this issue of the Holy Spirit was/is so important that when the disciples heard in Jerusalem that the Samaritans had received the Word, they dispatched Peter and John to make sure they received the Holy Spirit- critical, essential, powerful!

Next- the difference between merely believing in Jesus and believing in Jesus AND receiving the powerful promise of the Holy Spirit is seen in the lives of the early disciples- **the went from panic to promise to power!**

Listen- in times of panic, God offers a promise of power!

Friends- there are those today who are nice, believing, saved followers of Jesus, but they live fearful, panicked, near powerless lives.

The difference that needs to happen today, is the same difference that needed to happen 2000 years ago- the promise and power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the life of the Believer!

Over the years I've heard from so many Believers- "I've never heard this, I haven't been taught this"... 2 things, you're not the first to say that, **Act 19:1-6** And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

App- so you haven't heard before, ok, you're not alone in that... **2nd thing...** now you have!

Beloved- Jesus told the disciples , you've heard me talk about the promise of the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit- it's all about to get real- get ready- get receptive- get going- in the promise and power of the Holy Spirit!

Communion-

Prayer-

Share-

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